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1. In early April 1953, the German Academy of Sciences dismissed Director Joseph Naas, a Party-line Communist, member of the Presidium of the Cultural League, and member of the German Peace Committee. Also dismissed was the Academy's administrative director, Communist Alfons Maikowski.
2. Naas has been replaced by Hans Wittbrodt, until now the head of the ZAFT (Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik) research and development department. Wittbrodt is a Communist and a personal friend of Professor Robert Rompe.¹
3. This climaxes a long-standing struggle between Naas and ZAFT.

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